

GERMANS SHOW FAITH IN CALVALRY BY INCREASING MOUNTED COMPANIES

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
FRENCH FRONT, Dec. 3.—Trench warfare has not diminished the German cavalry forces, as has been generally supposed, for information which has just reached the correspondent of the Associated Press shows the total of squadrons in the service to be even higher than it was at the mobilization in 1914. Changes, however, have been introduced in the mounted arm of the service by which some of the squadrons temporarily have been discontinued and utilized as infantry, while the formations have undergone considerable variation.

GERMANY TO CONSCRIPT GIRLS AFTER THE WAR

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 3.—Plans for general conscription of women after the war are being made in Germany, and there is a general feeling that girls, as well as boys, will be compelled to undergo a regular period of training corresponding to the German youth's service in the army. The service proposed for girls is not military, but civil. It is proposed that all women should, preferably at the age of 17, be taken from their homes and compulsorily "trained," either in a profession, a trade, or in household duties.

TROOPS SCOUR BORDER DISTRICT FOR MURDEROUS MEXICAN BANDITS

(By Associated Press.)
MARFA, Tex., Dec. 27.—Mexican bandits raided the Fitzgerald ranch, between here and the river, late Christmas night and drove off all of the horses from this ranch, also taking a large quantity of provisions, according to a report received here from the Fitzgerald ranch. The raiders were believed to have been a part of the band which raided Candelaria during the day and were attempting to get back across the Mexican border.

Eight bandits were killed Christmas when ranchers and American cavalrymen fired on the Mexican

from their horses and used as infantry. This figure compares with 440 squadrons on a peace footing. When war began the German cavalry was at once formed into eleven divisions, each composed of six regiments of four squadrons. Besides those, there were also the bodies of divisional cavalry attached to the active and reserve divisions of infantry.

Rumania's entry into the war made more cavalry formations necessary and the number of organized divisions was at once increased to fourteen.

The spring of 1917 saw the end of the Rumanian campaign, and with this came a decrease of the divisional formations to six, while the divisions themselves were reduced from six regiments to four each. At the same time independent brigades of

and make a contribution to the state. The idea meets with wide commendation in the German newspapers, but one English critic notes that "there is some difference between male conscription which puts a man into a regiment run by and for the state, and a female conscription which makes a girl work without wage for the profit of private individuals. The latter cannot with accuracy be called anything but slavery."

A short time ago a Berlin sociological society offered a series of prizes for the best essay on compulsory service for women, and 145 essays were submitted. The best two have just been published. The magazine, Soziale Praxis, in reviewing the essays submitted, says:

"There is general agreement that by a thorough compulsory training

the services of women to the country will become much greater than heretofore. Opinions differ as to whether after leaving school girls should be trained principally for a profession or for household duties. The lesson of the war, which has brought into clear relief the abilities of women in both spheres, is perhaps that in future a middle course should be adopted.

"The training in households is to be regularly supervised with a view to seeing whether the girl really learns something there and is not merely made a drudge, and she must be allowed time to attend the women's service school. The employers are to give a small sum as pocket money to the 'conscripts' and pay the state a levy for the services rendered. This revenue is to provide the means for creating more women's service homes."

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ROADS ARE READY FOR INCREASED SHIPPING IN 1918, SAYS RAILCHIEF

So far as is possible to make forecasts, the western railroads will be able to handle any increase of business in 1918 which may be offered them. This welcome news to shippers and business men is the inference drawn from a statement made to the railroad commission of California by William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific company.

Sproule, in his capacity as chairman of the western department of the railroads war board is in close touch with the entire situation and his views are therefore regarded as of moment.

After describing the car supply as the key of the situation, Sproule said that this supply had been larger than in previous years, but it had

THOUSANDS OF FRENCH GIRLS TOIL AT FRONT

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
BEHIND THE BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, Dec. 3.—Many thousand French women and girls, ranging in age from 14 to well past 60, are employed by the British army at various kinds of work behind the lines. One line at which they excel all other workers is the painting of camouflage on guns. They also make very good packers at the various army storehouses and ordnance dumps, their deft, active fingers making it possible for them to do this work with 80 per cent more efficiency and speed than any other class of workers.

In many of the clerical sections of the ordnance department they work side by side with the uniformed English girls belonging to the "Waacs," as the members of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps are called, and in these departments a numerical system of marking has been adopted in order to facilitate sorting, as most of the French girls have no knowledge of English.

More than 1,000 French women are engaged in the "receipts and salvage department," where their work includes the repairing of respirators and other equipment, the scrubbing and renewal of harness and leather materials in an oil bath, and the sorting of recovered cartridges and water bottles.

In the boot and shoe repairing department at one base 1,500 French women are employed in bootmaking and repairing. In the armorers' shop French girls clean, oil and test bayonets. In the wheelwright's shop they clean and straighten bolts and paint wagons and traveling kitchens.

In work at piece rates, the output of the French girls has been found to exceed that of German prisoners by more than 50 per cent.

its limitations as compared with the increased volume of national demand. He thought that in 1918 the company would be able to handle any increased volume of traffic that might develop.

Asked as to what the Southern Pacific had done to develop its facilities to meet the exigencies caused by the war, the railroad executive caused a decided impression with the following statement:

"We are now building cars and locomotives at Sacramento and Los Angeles and have increased our supply of equipment from other sources. Though we provided terminals far in advance of our current needs we are increasing our facilities. At San Francisco, for example, we have put into commission our

GREEKS ARE URGED TO JOIN U. S. FORCES

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Greece, in a note to the state department today, asked Greeks of the United States to enlist in the American army. The note said Greece will suspend punishments which would ordinarily follow enlistments with a foreign power and reward the men for supporting the American army.

WOMEN IN NAVY.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British navy announces the organization of a formal branch of naval service for women, under the title of the "Women's Royal Naval Service." The membership includes women employed on duties connected with the navy, chiefly in dockyards and at naval bases. Members will wear a distinctive uniform of navy blue with brass buttons.

The members of the new service have already been nicknamed "Wrens," this being a convenient shortening of the initials W. R. N. S., which they wear on their collars.

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U. S. SUPERVISION OF LABOR.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Federal supervision of labor as a vital need for solving the nation's industrial problems is recommended in a report just made public by the committee on industry and employment of the mayor's committee on national defense. The report stated that the recommendations are based on analysis of the state of the country today in regard to labor, as shown by searching inquiry into the effectiveness, or lack of it, of the agencies set up to relieve evils now existing.

BRITISH LOSSES FOR WEEK SHOW MATERIAL DECREASE

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 27.—The losses to British shipping show a material decrease for the past week. According to the admiralty report, eleven British merchantmen of 1600 tons or over were sunk during this period by mine or submarine, as well as one merchantman under that tonnage and one fishing vessel.

SOLDIERS BACK AT CAMP.

(By Associated Press.)
DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 27.—Several hundred soldiers from Camp Dodge have returned from Christmas leaves spent at home, many having been compelled to make the entire trip, in some cases of several hundred miles, by automobile. Christmas leaves permitting use of steam transportation were granted only 5 per cent of the men in camp, and others who went home were required to sign affidavits that they would not use the steam railroads on their journey. More than 200 men motored to Minneapolis and other parties went to Moline, Quincy, Ill., Keokuk, Ia., St. Paul, Minn., and other points.

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